

OFFICE OF MARINETTE COUNTY SHERIFF



Jerome T. Sauve, Sheriff

James M. Hansen, Chief Deputy

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Marinette County Board of Supervisors:

It is once again my pleasure to present my annual report of activities for your Sheriff's Office for the year 2016. Each year when I start my preparation for this report I look to areas of our operation where we appear to have a better year, experienced some success, and identify challenges for the future.

In 2016 we had another year which we saw a reduced number of traffic fatalities from years past. Five people perished on our roads/highways this past year. Although one death is too many, this is still a vast improvement from years past. We believe our continued efforts in traffic enforcement and our partnership with the O.W.I. Task Force has had an impact in this area. We also saw a reduction in drug related overdose deaths. We hope that our partnership in our Drug Court and continued enforcement efforts are also having an impact in this area.

Our challenges in all we are asked to do and be responsible remain vast. Our ability to recruit and retain quality personnel, especially in our Jail, is a concern. We need to work together to see that our essential service occupation employees are attracted to the position and compensated fairly.

In closing, I would ask that in reviewing this report, remember the dedication of the brave men and women of the Sheriff's Office who are on watch 365 days a year around the clock. We, as a law enforcement family, mourned the loss of Rusk County's Deputy Dan Glaze who was shot and killed on duty October 29, 2016. His death was close to home for us as we see the increasing violent and dangerous profession in law enforcement across the nation.

We appreciate your continued support as we strive to provide the finest law enforcement services to the citizens and visitors to our wonderful County of Marinette.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerome T. Sauve

Marinette County Sheriff

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